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Local Assistance Center Helps Residents Recover from Siskiyou County Wildfire

Sacramento – The California State Board of Equalization (BOE) will be providing assistance at a Local Assistance Center for residents and business owners affected by the Siskiyou County wildfire, announced BOE Member George Runner. BOE staff will be available to answer questions about BOE tax and fee programs and assist taxpayers who want to request relief from penalties and/or interest or an extension of time to file a tax/fee return.

“As Californians work to put their lives back together after a wildfire, I want them to know the Board of Equalization is here to help,” said Board Member Runner. “Our thoughts and prayers are with all who have been impacted by these devastating fires.”

Event: Siskiyou Local Assistance Center
Date: Tuesday, September 23, 2014 – Saturday, September 27, 2014
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Place: College of the Siskiyous
800 College Avenue
Weed, CA 96094

BOE is one of several state agencies that will staff the Local Assistance Center to help those who may have lost important tax and other documents or who may need assistance with rebuilding their homes or business properties. The response to the wildfire has been a statewide effort. On September 17, 2014, Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. issued a [proclamation](#) declaring a state of emergency in Siskiyou and El Dorado counties due to the effects of the King and Boles fires, which have burned thousands of acres, destroyed homes and other structures and damaged critical infrastructure. This proclamation follows the [proclamation of a state of emergency](#) issued in early August for wildfires in El Dorado, Amador, Butte, Humboldt, Lassen, Madera, Mariposa, Mendocino, Modoc, Shasta, and Siskiyou counties. In addition, the BOE provided [tax relief](#) to the victims of those August fires.

Those unable to visit the Local Assistance Center can go [online](#) to request relief from penalties and/or interest or an extension of time to file a tax/fee return. Any tax or fee payer can use the online system to make their request for the tax and fee programs listed below. Tax and fee payers may also call the BOE Customer Service Center toll-free at 1-800-400-7115 (TTY: 711), Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Pacific time), for assistance.

Taxes and Fees Administered by the Board of Equalization	
Sales and Use Taxes	Oil Spill Prevention and Administration Fee; Oil Spill Response Fee
Fire Prevention Fee	Lumber Assessment
Alcoholic Beverage Taxes	Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Fee
Cigarettes and Tobacco Products Excise Taxes	Integrated Waste Management Fee
Energy Resources Surcharge	Occupational Lead Poisoning Prevention Fee
Emergency Telephone Users Surcharge	Electronic Waste Recycling (eWaste) Fee
Natural Gas Surcharge	Marine Invasive Species Fee (Ballast Water Management Fee)
Timber Yield Tax	California Tire Fee
Fuel Taxes (Diesel Fuel Tax, Interstate User Tax, Use Fuel Tax, Motor Vehicle Fuel Tax, Aircraft Jet Fuel)	Hazardous Substances Fees (Environmental Fee, Activity Fee, Generator Fee, Disposal Fee, Facility Fee)
Underground Storage Tank Maintenance Fee	Water Rights Fee

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Elected in November 2010, George Runner represents the State Board of Equalization's Second District. He is a leading advocate for California taxpayers. Runner has worked to improve California's tax policies and practices and to create and retain more private sector jobs in our state. Prior to his election to the Board, Runner served twelve years in the State Legislature, authoring the well-known California Amber Alert and California's Blue Alert. As a thoughtful conservative, his legislative priorities included improving the economy, business growth, education excellence, and public safety for all Californians. As a member of the Senate Revenue and Taxation Committee, Runner consistently led the fight against tax increases and supported tax relief for families and businesses.

The five-member California State Board of Equalization (BOE) is a publicly elected tax board. The BOE collects \$56 billion annually in taxes and fees supporting state and local government services. It hears business tax appeals, acts as the appellate body for franchise and personal income tax appeals, and serves a significant role in the assessment and administration of property taxes. For more information on other taxes and fees in California, visit www.taxes.ca.gov.

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